Making Math Matter

Types of Math Mistakes:

**Silly Math Mistake**

I wrote the wrong number or math problem.

I did not follow the directions correctly.

My work is to messy to read or understand.

**Math Mistake**

I did not add, subtract, multiply or divide correctly.

**Process Mistake**

I did not follow the math rules or properties.

I did not complete all of the steps or do them in order.

I did not show my thinking for each step.

I only did one step of a multi-step problem.

**Quick Fix**

* Stay focused
* Check the numbers/problems
* Read the directions again
* Redo my work NEATLY
* Use the inverse operations to check your work
* Redo the problem
* Check against a partner
* Show my thinking with my work
* Redo the problem and all steps
* Follow the rules/steps again
* Show my thinking, by showing my work for each step